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Outcome of the twenty-seventh meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group and amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways

Note by the secretariat

Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with cluster 5: Inland Waterway Transport, paragraph 5.1 of the programme of work 2018-2019 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/24) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its eightieth session (20-23 February 2018).

2. At its fifty-second session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation took note of the decisions of the twenty-seventh meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group held on 13 February 2018. The full report of the meeting, including amendment proposals for CEVNI, is reproduced in the Annex.

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Annex

Decisions of the twenty-seventh meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group

1. The CEVNI Expert Group held its twenty-seventh meeting on 13 February 2018 back-to-back with the fifty-second session of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3, 14-16 February 2018).

2. The meeting was attended by Mr. B. Birklhuber (Austria), Ms. H. Liégeois (Belgium), Ms. L. Hlavenkova (Slovakia), Mr. S. Tzarnakliyski (Danube Commission, hereafter DC), Ms. P. Brückner (Mosel Commission), Mr. Z. Milkovic (International Sava River Basin Commission, hereafter SC), Mr. S. Carruthers (European Boating Association, hereafter EBA), Ms. C. Paddison (EBA) and Ms. V. Ivanova (UNECE secretariat).

3. The Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine, hereafter CCNR, was not able to attend the meeting.

4. The Group adopted the provisional agenda (CEVNI EG/2018/1) as modified below:

I. Adoption of the minutes of the twenty-sixth meeting.

Document: CEVNI EG/2017/9

II. General exchange of information.

III. Amendment proposal to Article 7.08 (a new paragraph 4).

Document: CEVNI EG/2017/6

IV. Amendment proposals on the basis of amendments to Articles 1.07, 4.07, 7.06, 12.01, annex 7 and a new annex 12 of to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine and to Articles 1.01 and 9.05 of the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel.

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/10

V. Amendment proposal to Chapter 9.

Document: CEVNI EG/2018/3/Rev.1

VI. Draft revision 3 of the Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI)

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/11/Rev.1, CEVNI EG/2017/3

VII. Amendment proposals to Articles 4.05, 4.07 and Chapter 10 (transmitted by Austria)

Document: CEVNI EG/2018/4

VIII. Other business:

(a) Amendments to CEVNI that may emanate from amendments to Articles 1.10 and 4.07 of the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel (RPNM) (transmitted by MC)

Document: CEVNI EG/2018/5

(b) Information from CCNR about recent amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) introduced by Protocols Nos. 16, 17 and 19 adopted at the autumn session in 2017

Document: Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 6 (2018)

IX Next meeting.

I. Adoption of the minutes of the twenty-sixth meeting

5. The Group adopted the minutes of its twenty-sixth meeting held on 3 October 2017 in Geneva.

II. General exchange of information

6. The Group mentioned that no updates were available since the last meeting.

7. The Group was informed about the publication on the implementation of CEVNI 5 that would be available in the end of February as ECE/TRANS/266.

III. Amendment proposals to Article 7.08 (a new paragraph 4)

8. The Group finalized the text of the new paragraph 4 as follows:

4. An efficient watch kept on one vessel in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 can be responsible for the watch on the several other vessels referred to in these paragraphs only in case when vessels are coupled together in such a way that the safe crossing from one to other is provided for.

9. The Group asked the secretariat to transmit this proposal to SC.3/WP.3.

IV. Amendment proposals on the basis of amendments to Articles 1.07, 4.07, 7.06, 12.01, annex 7 and a new annex 12 of to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine and to Articles 1.01 and 9.05 of the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel

10. The Group took note of the clarification by MC about the amendments introduced to RPNM and agreed to start a detailed discussion of an amendment proposal to CEVNI based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/10 at its next meeting.

V. Amendment proposal to Chapter 9

11. The Group discussed the proposal on updating Chapter 9 (CEVNI EG/2018/3/Rev.1) and decided:

(a) In Article 9.01, para.1, *replace* "in particular, the provisions listed in this Chapter" *with* "that are listed in this Chapter";

(b) in Article 9.02, para. 6 (d), *replace* "turn-and-bank indicator" *with* "**rate-of-turn** indicator" in the English text;

(c) In Article 9.04, para. 7, in the end, *add* "**for ferry-boats**";

(d) *Modify* para. 9 as follows:

With respect to article 3.27, the competent authorities may prescribe a yellow **or red** scintillating light instead of the blue **light** for fire-fighting and rescue vessels;

(e) *Delete* para. 4 in Article 9.05;

(f) *Modify* Article 9.09 as follows:

With respect to article ~~8.02~~ **8.01** paragraph 4, the competent authorities may **waive the requirement** that, if the vessel has stopped, all engines and auxiliary machinery must be stopped or unplugged.

12. The Group decided that Chapter 9 and possibly Chapter 10 needed a revision. For this purpose, the secretariat was asked to prepare a comparison of Chapter 10 and the Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI), version 2014. Members of the Group were invited to submit their proposals on the revision of Chapter 9 by the next meeting.

VI. Draft revision 3 of the Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI)

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/11/Rev.1, CEVNI EG/2018/6

13. The Group considered the statement proposal of DC in connection with the revision of SIGNI (CEVNI EG/2018/6) and agreed on the following:

(a) a new SIGNI shall include rules on the practical implementation of the signals, which are already used in CEVNI. Other signs and markings shall be deleted;

(b) The signals used in CEVNI shall get into SIGNI with the same description/definition and same visualization;

(c) In case of introducing new or additional signals in SIGNI that do not exist in CEVNI, this shall be completed in both documents in parallel at the same time.

14. In particular, the Group mentioned that Chapters 5, 8 and 9 should be brought in line with CEVNI 5. For this purpose, for the next meeting the secretariat will prepare draft amendments for Chapter 5, and River Commissions will prepare draft amendments to Chapters 8 and 9.

VII. Amendment proposals to Articles 4.05, 4.07 and Chapter 10 (transmitted by Austria)

15. The Group discussed document CEVNI EG/2018/4 transmitted by Austria and proposed the following amendments to CEVNI:

(a) In article 4.05, paragraph 1, *replace* "carried on board a vessel" *with* "carried on board a vessel, an assembly of floating material or a floating establishment"

(b) In Article 4.07, paragraph 4 (m), d*elete* "(GNSS/DGNSS)";

(c) *Delete* Article 4.07, paragraph 4 (n).;

(d) In article 10.01 paragraph 1 (c), (g) and (h) and paragraph 2 (b), *replace* the word "occurring" *with* "generated";

(e) *Modify* Article 10.06, para. 1, sentence 1, as follows:

English text:

All ~~motorized~~ vessels, **whose main or auxiliary engines, with the exception of the engines of the anchor winches, are combustion engines,** excluding

small craft,[1] shall carry on board a valid used oil log issued by a competent authority and in line with the model contained in annex 9.

French text:

Chaque ~~bateau motorisé~~ **bâtiment dont les moteurs principaux ou auxiliaires, à l'exclusion des moteurs des guindeaux d'ancres, sont des moteurs à combustion interne,** à l'exception des menues embarcations, doit avoir à son bord un carnet de contrôle des huiles usagées valable, délivré par une autorité compétente selon le modèle de l'annexe 9.

(f) In Article 10.07, para. 1, *delete* "motorized".

VIII. Other business

A. Amendments to CEVNI that may emanate from amendments to Articles 1.10 and 4.07 of the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel (RPNM) (transmitted by MC)

16. The Group took note of the information by Ms. Brückner about the recent amendments to Articles 1.10 and 4.07 of RPNM (CEVNI EG 2018/5).

17. The Group proposed the following amendments:

(a) In Article 4.07, para. 4 (c), *add*:

Type of vessel or convoy **according to the VTT Standard for inland navigation**

(b) In Article 9.02, para. 6 (e) and (g), *modify*:

(e) Radiotelephone certificate **(certificate of operator of radiotelephone service on inland waterways)** delivered according to the relevant international and regional agreements;

(g) Handbook on radiotelephony **(radiocommunication)** in inland navigation, (general part and regional part).

B. Information from CCNR about recent amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) introduced by Protocols Nos. 16, 17 and 19 adopted at the autumn session in 2017

18. The Group took note of the information transmitted by CCNR (Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 6 (2018)) and asked the secretariat to issue it as a working document for the fifty-third session of SC.3/WP.3.

IX. Next meeting

19. The CEVNI Expert Group agreed on the following preliminary date for its twenty-eighth meeting to be 26 June 2018, back-to-back with the fifty-third session of SC.3/WP.3.

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[1] See CEVNI EG/2017/9, para. 14.